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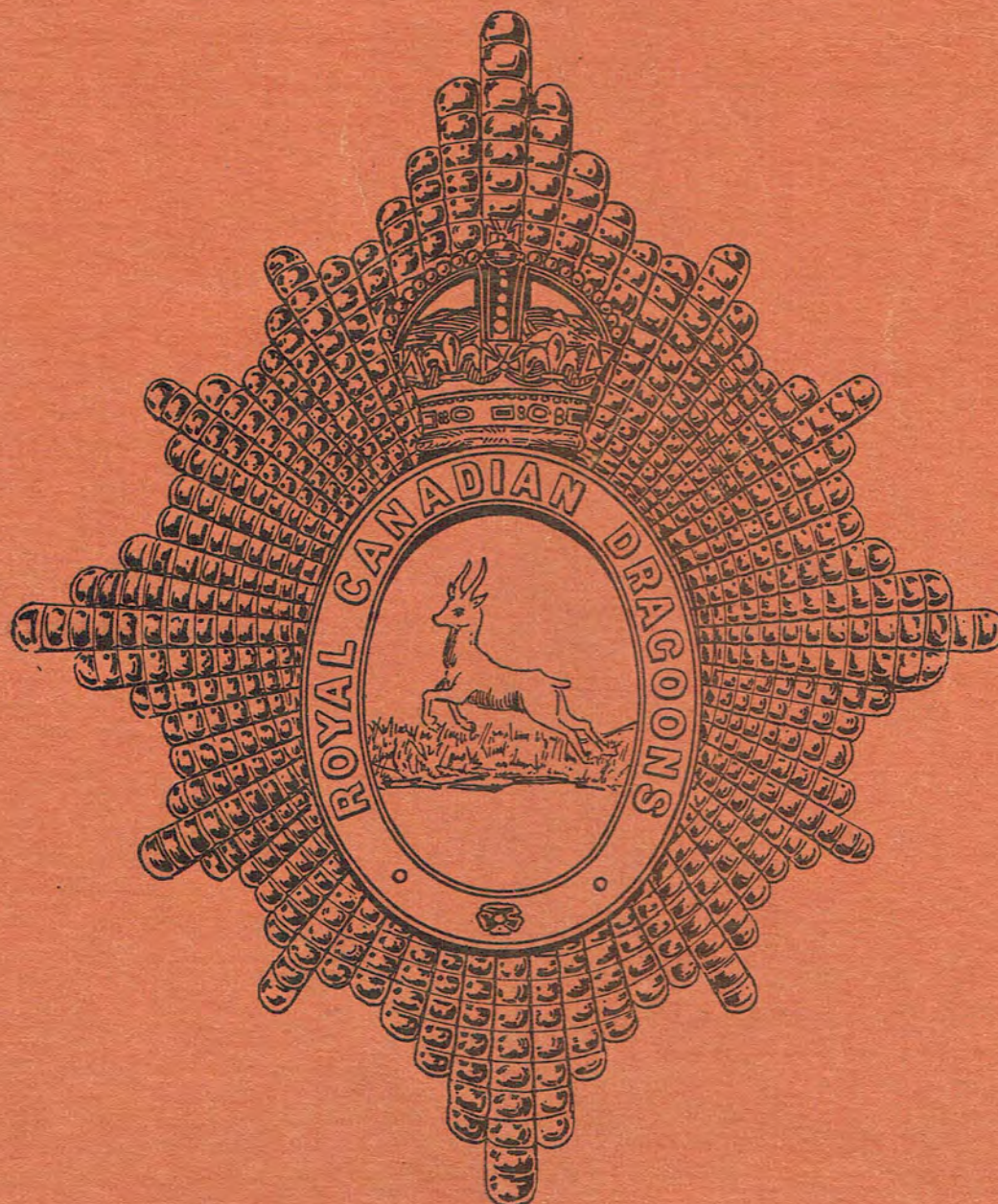
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"The Old Comrades' Association."

(A Suggestion)

The letter to the editor which appeared in the November issue over the signature of Mr. R. McLachlan, an ex-member of the regiment, has, once again, raised quite a lot of discussion regarding the formation of an association of some description that would afford the past and present members of the regiment the means whereby they would be enabled to keep in touch.

As our correspondent very truthfully remarks, there was an attempt made at forming an "Old Comrades' Association" shortly after the regiment returned to Toronto in 1918. Officers were appointed, meetings arranged and extensively advertised in the Toronto papers, but the response was discouraging, as the meetings were very sparsely attended, and then only by a few of the fellow who had elected to remain with the unit. Things could not continue in this way; consequently this initial attempt suffered the same fate of all projects that languish from lack of support, and gradually fell into abeyance.

In England, where they are making a success at the forming of "Old Comrades' Associations," the officers of such clubs are invariably ex-members of the various units. Of course, the conditions that prevail in England do not exist in Canada. In the United Kingdom the numerous units raised during the war were nearly all recruited locally. When these units were demobilized, the members of them naturally returned to their same old "stamping ground." Thus, the forming of a club of some description that would perpetuate "war friendships" was really quite a simple matter.

In Canada, where, on demobilization, the members of the various regiments were scattered over the thousands of square miles that go to make up the Dominion, the matter of "cementing the bonds of friendship" that through their very strength endured the terrible trials of the weary years from 1914 to 1918, was a much more formidable task. The active members of our unit tried to do it in 1918 and, to all intents and purposes, failed.

However, the situation is not so hopeless as one would imagine from the foregoing. Though all the ex-members of the Royal Canadian Dragoons are not located in one spot, there are quite a num-

ber of them situated in some localities. Take Toronto as an example; at a conservative estimate there must be three hundred of our "old boys" residing in or about this city. If these fellows were to get together and "put themselves on paper" much might be accomplished. With Stanley Barracks at close hand they would be sure of every help and encouragement from that quarter. Here in St. Johns we cannot do much along the lines of organizing the association, but any help we can give them will be "a labour of love."

The situation then is this: The present members of the regiment have tried to form an Old Comrades' Association and, shall we say, failed. Now we suggest that it is up to the ex-members residing in Toronto to show what they can do. The most difficult part of the job will be in getting the "machine" started, but once the Association gets going it will gather momentum and practically run itself.

In conclusion, we would like to state that in our "infancy" as a periodical we were wont to publish a column devoted to news about "Old Comrades." A fellow reading our first few numbers would probably remark: "Gee, fancy old so-and-so being still alive; I must drop him a line." That is the sort of thing we are out to encourage. We desire to act as a link that binds all our old boys. Our "Old Comrades' Column" fell into the limbo of things forgotten, simply from lack of "copy." This can easily be rectified. Send us news about yourselves or any of the fellows you may have met. Happenings that seem so trivial to you may prove vastly interesting to your old friends.

Old Comrades.

We are pleased to note from recent Militia Orders that ex-Sgt. H. R. Henry, an old original member of "B" Squadron, who served with us throughout the war, and afterwards left us to cast in his lot with the "Straths," has been appointed a Warrant Officer Class 1, and is acting Regimental Sergeant-Major of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians).

Ex-Tpr. Cole is residing at 52 Galley Avenue, Toronto. He wishes to be remembered to all former comrades.

M. Achille Marquis, who served with the 2nd Troop of "C" Sqn. overseas, has joined the "back to the land" movement, and is run-

ning a farm in Cacouna, Que. He is married and has four children. He would like any of the old boys to look him up any time they happen to be down Quebec way.

Ex-Trooper H. E. Short visited St. Johns recently. He is with the Northern Electric, Montreal, and is doing remarkably well. His friends were very pleased to see he had discontinued wearing those "Harold Lloyd" glasses in public.

Ex-Trooper R. Higham visited Stanley Barracks recently, and was good enough to give the present addresses of a few ex-members. We publish these names and addresses below. Mr. Higham is located at 18 Lincoln Avenue, Toronto.

Ex-Trooper R. G. Gamblen, 22 Gatwick Avenue, Toronto; ex-Tpr. H. G. Goodings, 1119 St. Clarens Avenue, Toronto; and ex-Tpr. E. G. Simpson, Willard Apartments, Toronto.

While Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., was in Three Rivers, Que., recently, he met Mr. H. B. Ford, a former member of the regiment. Mr. Ford is with W. Fadden and Co., of New York, who are in the "Heat and Light" business. He is located at 541 Ville Marie St., Montreal.

Ex-Tpr. T. Johnson, who was formerly with "B" Squadron, now resides at 159 Hillingdon Rd., Toronto.

Ex-Tpr. R. A. Stanyar, who was with "A" Squadron until a short time ago, is now serving with the R.C.M.P. His address is R.C.M. Police, Regina, Sask.

Through the courtesy of Major E. A. Hethrington, we have received the address of Capt. F. H.

Wilkes, who succeeded Capt. (now Lt.-Col.) Codville, M.C., as adjutant of the regiment. Capt. Wilkes resides at 11 Highlands Avenue, Toronto.

We are publishing in our "Correspondence Column" a letter received from Lieut. V. Spalding, who served with "C" Squadron. Mr. Spalding sent the following address of an old comrade: Mr. J. McCutcheon, 6 Germiston Street, Glasgow.

On another page we publish a letter received from L. Umney, who was in "A" Squadron before the late war. He is located at 59 High Street, Marlow, England.

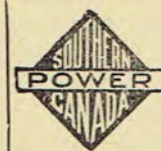
A letter received from A. J. Martin, who was in "B" Squadron, will be found on another page.

Birth

Mingie.—At the Medical Arts Hospital, Montreal, on December 10th, to Dr. and Mrs. Walter J. E. Mingie, a son.

Major Mingie, M.C., will be remembered by many old comrades as our medical officer in France for about two and a half years. He left us during the summer of 1918 on being promoted to the rank of Major and appointed second in command of the 7th Canadian Cavalry Field Ambulance. He was awarded his Military Cross while serving with the regiment. Dr. Mingie is at present on the staff of the Medical Arts Hospital, Montreal.

We understand that Cupid is spreading his toils around the barracks. A lady, who was a sweetheart of one of our present sergeants about fifteen years ago, has returned to the scene of "sweet nothingness." Stick it, Bill.



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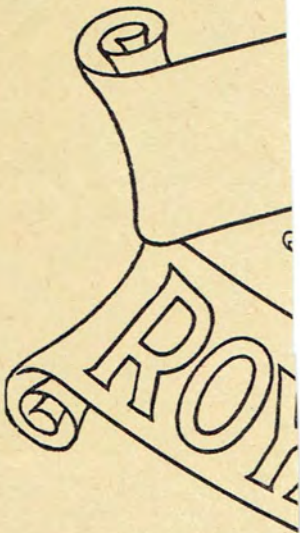
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cule to be inspected. To the civilian this will seem as simple a matter as finding a seat in Ontario for Mr. King, but to the educated military mind great forethought is required. The procedure usually followed by all self-respecting I.O.'s (Inspecting Officers) with regard to the selection or choice of unit is much the same. The great man, hurrying in to his office at 11.00 hours and seeing a pile of fyles placed there for his signature by one of his many staff, usually the "Q" Branch, decides to go away and inspect something or someone. He presses the electric button on his desk and automatically sends a clerk to summon the G.S.O., knowing full well from experience that the bell does not ring. (For the uninitiated, the "G" Branch deals with all matters of a serious nature, such as inspections, etc., while the "Q" Branch deals in mysteries, hence the mystery ships were called "Q" boats. In our district there are two "A", "Q" men, but one having the name of Neilson, we append the letter "D" before "A" "Q" in order not to confuse him with Anna "Q" Neilson, the movie queen.) But to return to the Great Man, who by this time has probably sent two clerks to summon his "G," (not to be confused with "Gee," meaning horse, but called so because the Great Man gets a little hoarse calling for him.) Finally the "G" arrives and excuses himself for being late by saying that he had been talking to the C.G.S. (too intricate to explain here) over the phone. On hearing that the G.M. wishes to inspect a unit preferably in his own district,

erish activity is taking place at the barracks where the unit selected is quartered. New boots and clothing are issued to the men, buildings are painted and white-washed, lordly officers' servants, dignified clerks and haughty cooks are hauled out with the common soldiers and made to slope swords, slope arms, draw pay and back pay till they regain the sylph-like figures of the man in the ranks. Regimental institute books are taken from their hiding place and made to correspond with bank books, cheque books and hand books. This is easily done by adding or subtracting a figure or series of figures from the total on the right hand page in order to produce a figure or series of figures equivalent to the total on the left hand page. All that is then required is to cover the page with initials office stamps, etc., and the book is balanced.

Another important matter to be seen to is that all military text books supposed to be in the possession of officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s are brought to the orderly room, tied neatly and tightly with wire or rope. Some make a practise of having duplicate sets of books, one for use and the other for inspections. The latter remain hermetically sealed throughout the year, but those with only one set prefer to use them only for inspections. No one ever examines the books, as this would be a breach of military etiquette; in fact no self-respecting "Q" officer knows what books lie concealed within the sarcophagus; all that is required to comply with the demands of K.R. & O. (this

does not stand for Kindly Ring and Order), is that huge piles of books should meet the eye of the G.M.

When the great day arrives, the dawn finds all hustle and rustle. Dogs are locked up, children put to bed, marching in and marching out states prepared and accoutrements polished. Brand new statements are put up in canteens, etc., showing that their financial condition is sound. The sergeant cook prepares at least six weekly menu sheets, showing what the troops are supposed to have had for each meal during the last month. A guard is placed on the entrance to the barracks to keep civilians out and the military in. Everything is done, undone, and done over again at least three times.

Finally, a man is posted in the nearest accessible tree to warn the C.O. and the guard of the approach of the G.M. in his car. At five minutes before the appointed hour, the look-out waves frantically and the guard rushes out, the troops sitting motionless and lifeless on their horses, or standing emotionally and stolidly on their feet, come to life, sharp words of command ring out and the air becomes laden with electricity, stale beer fumes, etc. Horror of horrors! the car in question turns

out to be the local contractor arriving to view his latest atrocity in the shape of a bathroom floor. He is driven away with imprecations, curses and swear words, and the troops and guard stand down, unbend and assume their natural bearing. Once more the signal is given, and this time a beautiful car speeding along at the regulation pace allowed for mechanical transport betokens the arrival of the G.M. and his satellites. The guard presents arms, legs and an untidy appearance, while the trumpeters, buglers or other jazz honours sound "The Flourish."

The G.M. alights from his car and raises his hand in benediction, a far-away look in his eyes and a smile hovering on his lips. In the meantime the staff have returned their flasks to their hips and tumble out of the innermost recesses of the car. The G.M. mounts his favourite charger, which has been kept especially for him, except when it is used to pull the grass-cutter, and rides to meet the O.C. If the unit is an infantry battalion, company or platoon, this procedure is varied by the G.M. walking to meet the O.C. The G.M. greets the C.O. or O.C. with the words, "How are you, Jones?" and the C.O. or O.C. replies, "Very well, sir, thank you." This is a figure of speech, as he is

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My War Diary.

March 9th

Regimental parade and inspection by the Brigadier at 9 a.m. The squadron did exceptionally well and General Seeley was very pleased. Had stables all afternoon. Nineteenth day of Verdun attack and no new developments.

March 10th

Squadron parade till 11 o'clock. After lunch rode with Timmis to see the Inniskilling Dragoons and arrange a football match. Got back at 4.30 p.m. Sent the mess cart to Le Treport for canteen supplies. Saw General Lessard, who is going to inspect us in the morning.

March 11th

Regimental parade at 8.15. Went down to the sands where we were inspected by Major-General Lessard. After the inspection he said a few words to us all. He is looking very well. After lunch rode to Le Treport, where I met Hughes and Saxe Brown and had dinner. Had nice hot bath at hotel. It has turned very warm and quite like summer.

March 12th

Slept till 9 a.m. at the hotel and had breakfast there. Met Hughes who had ridden to Menelies for church parade, and we had lunch together. It is a lovely sunny day. Colonel Nelles and Major Straubenzie came in, and we met a lot of Indian Cavalry Officers. Had dinner at the hotel and then rode home with Hughes.

March 13th

Squadron parade in marching order at 9 a.m. Went down to the sands, where we had regimental drill. Lovely warm weather. After lunch went for a ride on my new remount, but it is no good and will have to send it back to the troop. Wrote some letters and went to bed early.

March 14th

Up at 6 a.m. Had a reconnaissance to do with a road report. Returned Martin to duty and took Pearson as my servant. He speaks French and should be very useful. Came back from my reconnaissance at noon and wrote my report. Took "Sir Christopher" for a jumping lesson and he did splendidly. My new saddle arrived

from Champion Wilton and certainly is very good. Had meeting of canteen committee. It rained very heavily during the night. "Pete" is back again, looking very thin, but his mange is cured.

March 15th

Up at 6.30. Had brigade marching order parade with "A" Echelon. We waited on the road for over an hour for the General and then marched down to a field and had an inspection by Major General Leader, the Divisional Commander. We walked, trotted and galloped past with drawn swords. Back at 1.30. Tried out a new horse as 3rd charger. Pearson appears to be very willing and think he will be a very good man. No mail today.

March 16th

Squadron parade at 8.45. Did some jumping in which "Sir Christopher" excelled. He certainly is a find. Went for a short ride. After lunch went to see the football match between the Inniskillings and the regimental team. The visitors won, 2 to 1, after a close game, and their rugger team beat the L.S.H., 5 to 3. The officers and men came to us for tea. Colonel Nelles and Major Straubenzie came to dinner in the mess. Wrote some letters and took the rounds for Grant.

March 17th

Squadron parade at usual hour and did more jumping. Rode over to see the paymaster and then on to Bourseville. My new horse is very slow but better than the last one. After lunch we had a lecture on "Shoeing," which was very interesting. Rode to Le Treport to a dinner Newcomen was giving at the Regina Hotel. There had been a German submarine taken off Le Treport and there was great excitement in the town. We added to it. Dinner a great success and rode home with Berteau and Sherwood at 3 a.m.

March 18th

Had an exercise ride till 10.30. Jumped "Sheila" over our course and she went very well. Had inspection of horses by the V.C. After lunch sent the mess cart to Le Treport for supplies. Hall called for me in his car and motored me in to the canteen and back again.

March 19th

Church parade at 9 a.m., but am orderly officer, so stayed in. Did

a little schooling with "Chris" and "Sheila." In the afternoon there was a football match with 1st D.G., which we won by 2-1. Rode to Le Treport for dinner with Hughes and got back pretty late.

March 20th

Usual parades and did some dismounted action. Timmis and Moss rode over to see the "Royals" before they left the area. There is a brigade scheme tomorrow at 7 a.m. and we are having our parade at 6.30. Went to bed early.

March 21st

Had parade of squadron at 6.30 a.m. Raining hard, and scheme was put off, but did a regimental one instead. We put out an advanced guard and worked over the country for eight miles. Back at 1 p.m. Stables in the afternoon. Rode to Le Treport with Whitehead to dinner given by nurses of No. 2 Canadian General Hospital. It was a very cheery affair. Had a dance afterwards and got home at 2 a.m. Still raining and quite cold.

March 22nd

Squadron parade at 8.45 and did jumping and equitation. After lunch General Seeley came over and inspected our horses. He seemed very pleased with their condition and was very much taken with "Sir Christopher." Had a nap till dinner time and wrote some letters.

AN ECHO OF THE LATE WAR

The following cablegrams, published in Militia Orders recently, may prove of interest to our readers.

November 11th, 1925
Burgomaster, Mons, Belgium.

All ranks of the Canadian Corps send their sincere greetings to their friends in Mons, and recall with deep feeling their splendid reception seven years ago.

Chief of Staff.

Canadian Chief of Staff,
Ottawa, Canada.

Population and civic authorities of Mons thank you for your wishes and do not forget the valiant Canadian troops.

Burgomaster Lescarts.

Explorer says that Eskimos rarely weep. Still, they do have their daily blubber.

The Cavalry Barracks Rifle Association.

(By Q.M.S.I. R. J. Brown, R.C.D.)

The newly-formed rifle association of this station is now a going concern. It is away to a splendid start with a membership of seventy-five, more than fifty per cent of the total strength of the station. This is very satisfactory and most encouraging, particularly in view of the fact that the association is being conducted on a voluntary basis.

The particular problem now is to maintain interest, and the committee is taking steps to ensure that this will be done, as it is fully realized that the most effective method is to foster the competitive spirit; competition being the life and soul of all sport.

A meeting of the association was held on Thursday, December 3rd, to discuss the season's programme and to receive suggestions. It was decided to hold a "competitive shoot" at least once a month; members to be divided into three classes—first, second and third; and prizes to be awarded to each class. There will be a special prize for the recruit with the highest individual score. Included in this shoot will be a competition between teams; there being one team per troop from the R.C.D. and one team from "D" Company, R.C.R. There will be a prize for each member of the team having the highest aggregate score.

The first shoot of the season will be held during the week commencing December 13th on the miniature range at the "old fort." The range will be available for practise the week previous.

Team Competition—Teams will not be selected before the match, but the best eight scores on each team will count, thus giving each man the opportunity to "shoot himself" onto the team.

To encourage regular attendance throughout the season, a record of each man's score at the monthly shoot will be kept, which will count in the grand aggregate, for which it is hoped to have a large number of prizes. This will cater to the type of shot who seldom gets a high score in the individual shoot, but always has a fair average score.

If this programme is followed, instead of being divided into first, second and third class shots, and while still maintaining three classes, the standard should be such as to have class 'A' of marksmen, and classes 'B' and 'C' of first class shots.

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A representative sub-committee has been appointed, consisting of Q.M.S.I. Dowdell, Sgt. Raynor, Sgt. Campbell, Cpl. Green and Tpr. Gilmore. Q.M.S.I. Brown is the representative on the "General Recreation Committee."

Safety Precautions on the Miniature Range

Special precautions must be taken on the miniature range to ensure that no accidents are allowed to occur.

Range discipline will be strictly

enforced. No man will be allowed to take up a position at the firing point until it has been ascertained that no man is in front of the firing point.

Load and commence fire will be carried out by word of command.

On completion of practise, unloading will be carried out by word of command; rifles will remain at firing point with bolts open and muzzles pointing towards the targets. Firers will stand up behind the firing point.

Targets will then be changed.

Unexpended ammunition will be collected from each detail immediately after each practise.

Only one detail at a time to be allowed on the firing point; the remainder to be five yards in rear.

No manipulation of bolt or aiming practise will be allowed in rear of the firing point.

The practise of having a man in a sheltered position near the butts is dangerous and will not be allowed.

Rifles will be inspected before being taken away from the firing point.

R.J.B.

GALLERY PRACTISE AND MINIATURE RIFLE COMPETITIONS, 1926.

The following extracts are taken from No. 2 circular issued by the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association.

These two competitions are entirely distinct. The same regulations apply equally to both, except where otherwise specified.

Each competitor must be a bona-fide enrolled member of the Militia Unit, Rifle Association, or club with which he competes.

No individual can shoot for more than one unit, etc., in the same competition.

The competitions open January 1st, 1926, and close on April 30th, 1926.

Gallery practise:

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Rifles — Military units — S.M. L.E. rifle.

Sights—As authorized by the D.C.R.A. regulations.

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A special prize will be awarded to the member of each association or club making the highest aggregate in the four matches. A member to be eligible for the special prize, or spoon, must have been a member of a team in all four matches.

Practise shooting on the day of a match is permitted.

SOLDIER RECEIVES HUMANE SOCIETY'S MEDAL

We have received a cutting from the "Halifax Herald" from a subscriber in that city, which describes the presentation of the Bronze Medal of the Royal Canadian Humane Society to Sgt. E. N. Sullings, M.M., R.C.R., by Major General Thacker, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Sgt. Sullings was awarded this medal for gallantry in rescuing a comrade from drowning, at Kingston, Ont., during August, 1923.

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The Toronto Royal Winter Fair.

The following extracts are taken from an article describing the Toronto Winter Fair, which appeared in the "Rider and Driver," dated November 28th, 1925.

Never have we noted more enthusiasm than was elicited from the spectators by the competitions and it was an enthusiasm based on intelligent understanding of each incident cheered.

The ring was managed with dramatic skill and effect, none of the Committee entering upon the tanbark except when duty called, which was unusual, not even grooms being permitted there unless circumstances especially required their presence.

This is one of the improvements in show-ring management that "The Rider and Driver" has been urging for many years, not only because of the questionable ethics of permitting anyone but the judges and attendants there during a class, but also because of the more attractive appearance of the horses, especially of a "star," when brought out to try his paces individually.

Belgium won the International cup in a brilliant manner, closely pressed by the French, with the American and Canadian teams third and fourth.

Another idea that "The Rider and Driver" has long advocated was successful at Toronto.

This is providing features that interest and also amuse the spectators, instead of confining the show strictly to "horse show classes" which become monotonous and are not entirely understood by the general public so much desired to be in attendance.

If the National Horse Show of America, when it takes up its quarters in the new Madison Square Garden, in the heart of New York and the centre of the amusement district, could get the Royal Canadian Dragoons to come down and take part they would be a "hit" that could not fail to more than repay the expense.

Our inquiries lead us to the belief that there would be no trouble in arranging the trip, provided that the U.S. Government could be induced to forward an official invitation.

With their golden helmets, scarlet tunics, yellow striped breeches, jack boots and spurs, white gauntlets, and lances, with pennants flying, the horses caparisoned with the usual numnah under the saddle, highly polished bits, stirrups and buckles, with black tassel

hanging from the chin-strap of each horse, the "musical ride" they gave each night was colourful and thrilling.

The high point of the Horse Show was touched on Friday night when three Belgian horses, "As de Pique," "Acrobat" and "Fizaro," jumped their way to victory for the International Officers' Teams trophy, donated by Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Premier of Ontario.

There were four teams, of three hunters each, entered from Canada, United States, France and Belgium, and according to the regulations laid down for the contest, the team having the least number of faults against it on the total of twice around Course A for each horse, is to hold the cup for one year, while replicas of the trophy were presented to each of the three Belgian officers who rode the winning mounts. There was plenty of spectacle, so far as the jump itself was concerned, and it was added to later when the winning officers, Lieut. L. Breuls on "As de Lique," Lieut. J. de Brabandere on "Acrobat," and Commander G. Mesmaekers on "Fizaro," were called back to the centre of the tanbark area while Hon. Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Alfred Rogers walked out to meet them, followed by two Boy Scouts carrying a table on which the trophy was displayed over the Union Jack. The cheering enthusiasm of the thousands of spectators was so great that the din lasted for several minutes, while the victors rode around the ring and while the red ribbons were being pinned on the horses.

"I think no event at the whole Winter Fair has aroused keener interest than the International Officers' contest," Hon. Mr. Ferguson declared, in a brief address to the audience. "The idea belongs to Mr. Alfred Rogers, and he generously undertook to bring about the event, in view of the enthusiasm on the part of the spectators I know we all hope that our friends will come back to compete again, and I hope the interest has been so great that still other nations will be represented in future years. It is only fitting that the initial visit of the Belgian officers to the Winter Fair should be marked with victory, and I do not think any of us are sorry to see the trophy go overseas. I know the Canadian officers will be generous enough to be glad that the Belgians have won, and our friends from the United States have the consolation of knowing that there are lots of other things they have taken from us, even if they did not win the trophy. The

Belgian officers have displayed a splendid spirit of gallantry and courage all through the Horse Show, and I feel they have won the hearts of all."

Premier Ferguson then shook hands with the three officers, the Boy Scouts and Mr. Rogers presented the replicas of the trophy following which the band played the Belgian National Anthem, and the huge stand of spectators rose to their feet; and finally, when the victors rode from the ring, they were followed by rounds of cheers which died out only when the last rider had disappeared.

The first team to make its appearance in the ring was the Canadian. The three officers, Major Victor Sifton on "Pericles," Captain G. F. Berteau on "Bucephalus," and Lieut. Bruce King on "Montreal," rode in, circled the course without going over the jumps, and were met with a round of cheers. Pericles rode the course for 11 faults, followed by Bucephalus with three, and Montreal with 11. That made 25 points against them on the first round.

The American Cavalry riders, Capt. F. H. Waters, on "Jack Snipe," Capt. J. T. Pierce on "Dick," and Capt. P. J. Carpenter, on "Miss America," rode in in the same manner, made the round of the ring, and then took their first turn at the jumps. "Jack Snipe" chalked up eight faults, "Dick" nine, and "Miss America," three, making a total of 20. Then came the French in the same manner: Capt. A. Laisardiere on "Harris," Lieut. P. Clave, on "The Doctor," and Lieut. X. Bizard, on "Pantin," the horse which had previously scored so many victories. This represented the first appearance of "Harris" and "The Doctor" at the Horse Show, and those who had been following the meet from the first awaited the work of these two hunters with interest. Their performance was admirable. "Harris" went over for four faults, "The Doctor" went clean, and "Pantin" chalked up a single fault at the last jump. The total was five faults.

Last came the Belgians, with five points to beat. "Fizaro" went over first, with two and a half points against him, that is, a tick at the triple, the over and the gate; then came "Acrobat," with but a half point against him, a rear flick at the last jump. Last came "As de Pique," and he went clean. Total, three points against the Belgians; and the spectators broke forth in a great round of cheers.

The regulations were that the horses were to go round twice, in

the same order. The Canadians improved their previous showing; Major Sifton riding "Pericles" for seven faults, Captain Berteau riding "Bucephalus" for five faults, and Lieut. King taking Montreal over for three. Total on the round, fifteen faults; and total Canadian faults, forty.

On the Americans' second round "Jack Snipe" improved his previous showing with five faults; "Dick" was not quite so good as before, with ten; while "Miss America" went even better than her first showing, with two faults, at the triple and the gate. Faults for the round, 17; and total American faults for the two rounds, 37.

Interest centred upon the work of the French. "Harris" came back and improved his previous work with three faults; but "The Doctor" was jumping in bad luck, having four against him; and "Pantin" was far from being up to standard, as he had five and a half points. Total for the French on the round, twelve and a half, and total for the two rounds of seventeen and a half. That looked good for the Belgians, with a spread of fourteen points; but things began to look blacker for them when "Fizaro" came out and failed to live up to his previous performance. He made as poor a showing as he had done to date during the whole show, having seven faults, two majors at the triple bars and the wall, and a tick at the gate. The fate of the contest hinged upon the work of "Acrobat" and "As de Pique."

Then out came "Acrobat," and a vast silence fell upon the thousands of spectators. "Acrobat," under the guidance of Lieut. de Brabandere, performed more like an airplane than anything on four legs. He took jump after jump, going clean to the end, and when he rode out of the ring the cheers of the spectators followed him. Last came "As de Pique," with Lieut. Breuls, and by this time the spectators were obviously pulling for the Belgians. They followed each jump with a cheer, and the farther the animal went the louder grew the cheers, until towards the end there was one continuous round of applause. The horse lived up to expectations, going clean to the last, twice in succession, and the honours went to the Belgians. Faults on the round, seven, and total faults for the Belgians, ten.

The performance stands out as all the more remarkable in view of the fact that out of the total ten faults registered against the three Belgian horses, nine and a half were scored by "Fizaro."



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A Horrible Scene

Dixie and the Boy knew well what it all meant — merely the evacuation of another village that had come within shell range of the Hun, or was near enough to the shifting battle-line to make it wise to escape before all in it were engulfed, made prisoners, and set to slavery in the fields on starvation rations for Hun task-masters, or, worse, deported, torn apart, child from mother, weak from strong, helpless from helpers, and deported to far-off factories or the terrors of an unknown fate.

Dixie and the Boy tramped slowly against the tide of refugees and drew at last near the town from which the stream was pouring. It was all very pitiful, very cruel. But worse was to come. The road was one of those long main national route highways common in France, running as straight as a ruler for miles on end, up hill and down dale. The roofs of the village were half a mile away, and suddenly, over these roofs, an aeroplane came skimming. It flew low, and it flew in a bee-line along above the wide straight road; and as it flew there sounded louder and plainer the unmistakable ac-ac-ac-ac of a machine gun; there was plainly to be seen a stream of spitting fire flashing from the flying shape. It swept nearer, and the clatter of its guns sounded now through a rising wail, a chorus of shrieks and calls and sharp screams, and the cries of the frightened or hurt children. The gun shut off abruptly as the machine swooped up; burst out again in a long savage tattoo as it curved over and came roaring down in a steep dive.

In the road there was a pandemonium of screams and cries, a wild turmoil of figures rushing hither and thither, flinging down into the ditches, scrambling over them and fleeing in terror out over the open fields. As the machine dived the two observers could see the streaking lines of the tracer bullets, hear the sharp cracks and smacks of explosives hitting the ground—and other things. They could only stand and curse in impotent rage, and the Hun machine, with a rush and a roar, spat a last handful of bullets over and past them and was gone on down the road. The two stood and watched its graceful

soaring and plunging, listened to the steady rattle of its guns, swore savagely again, then turned to help some of the shrieking women and crying children about them. But next moment another distant tat-tat-tat made them look up to see another black-crossed machine, and then a third, leap into sight over the village and come tearing down above the road. Dixie and the Boy both filled the few intervening seconds trying to hustle the terror-stricken villagers off the road down into the cover of the ditches, behind carts—anywhere that might be out of reach of the bullets.

But the new-comers had gone one better than bullets for fiendish destruction. As the first one approached, a black blob fell away from it and the next second there was a rending crash, a leaping cloud of smoke and dust whirling up and eddying up from the road. The machine roared over and past, with her machine-gun hailing bullets down on the road, and far down the road came another billowing cloud of smoke and the crash of another bomb. The third machine followed close, also machine-gunning hard, and also splashing bombs down at intervals, one falling with horrible effect fairly in a little crowd of women and children, clustered under and behind a country cart. The cart was wrecked, and the horse and half the women and children —

The two observers gave what help they could, their faces white and their hands shaking and their ears tingling as they worked. The whole scene after the passing of the destroyers was heart-rending and pitiful and far too horrible for description. And the cruel part of it was all such useless destruction, such wanton savagery, such a brutal and wilful slaughter of the innocents. The low fliers were too close down for there to be any possibility of their not knowing well what they were shooting and bombing. There was not a sign of a uniform on the road; it was packed with what clearly and unmistakably was a crowd of refugees of helpless women and children. It was hard to imagine what the Huns hoped to gain, what object they could have had in such indiscriminate murder; but, object or no object, its happening is a matter of cold history.

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Personal & Regimental

Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., was "On Command" from the 20th to the 22nd of November. He accompanied Brig.-Gen. Armstrong, C. M.G., to Three Rivers, P.Q., in connection with the inspection of the Three Rivers Regiment, (178th Battalion, C.E.F.)

Maor R. Nordheimer is absent with leave from December 1st to January 31st, visiting Chicago, Ill., and other points.

Major F. Sawers, M.C., is spending a short vacation from November 30th to December 20th, visiting Toronto, and other points.

No. 833, Tpr. Martin, has rejoined "A" Squadron, R.C.D.

During the past month Captain M. Hasegawa was among those who signed their names in the visitors' book at the Officers' and Sergeants' Messes at St. Johns. Capt. Hasegawa signed his name in Japanese as well as in English. To accomplish the Oriental signature he turned the book sideways and wrote from top to bottom. A member of the Sergeants' Mess stated that he could best decipher this signature at a time when things had lost their true perspective.

Mr C. P. Gwynn was a visitor at the Officers' Mess at St. Johns recently. Mr. Gwynn is a brother of the late Lieut. D. O. Gwynn, M.C.

Mrs. E. H. Drury, of Sherbrooke, is visiting Capt. and Mrs. Drury.

Sgt.-Instr. Hopkinson has returned to St. Johns from Quebec, where he had been conducting a school for "Proficiency in Riding."

No. 936, Tpr. Lee, J.A.W., has been attested for "A" Squadron, R.C.D. Tpr. Lee served with the Royal Canadian Navy from 1917 to 1923.

DANCE AT THE CAVALRY BARRACKS

On Friday evening, November 20th, the Junior N.C.O.'s and men of the Station entertained their friends at a dance in the gymnasium. The music was furnished by the Barracks Orchestra, who appeared for the first time in their new white jackets and blue overalls. An excellent programme was provided and the selections and syncopation left nothing to be desired.

The gymnasium was most tastefully decorated for the occasion, the skilled hand of Tpr. Cailier being much in evidence. A large number of St. Johns fairest availed themselves of the opportunity to be present and all had a good time. Supper was served shortly before midnight and the arrangements reflected the greatest credit on the dance committee. Among the officers present were: Major Nordheimer, M.C., Major and Mrs. Salmon, Mrs. D. B. Bowie, Capt. and Mrs. Balders, Capt. and Mrs. Drury, Major Sawers, M.C., Capt. Home, M.C., and Capt. Halkett, M.C.

Notes from Toronto

The cross-word puzzle in our last issue was evidently a bit stiff, as we had only three attempts submitted. These solutions, which were all correct, were sent by: Q. M.S. F. Ackerman, R.C.D., Q.M. S. F. A. Madden, R.C.D., and Sgt. W. C. Hare, R.C.D. The solution follows:

Horizontal—1, salix; 5, adept; 9, gyn; 10, R.T.O.; 11, draco; 13, mauls; 14, omophagia; 15, in; 16, me; 17, R.M.; 19, form; 21, loris; 23, miohippus; 25, wild; 26, e.e.; 28, eleg; 29, essay.

Vertical—2, agronomie; 3, lyam; 4, incommode; 6, dragropes; 7, etui; 8, polaris; 12, ope; 13, M.A.; 15, if; 18, ms.; 20, rill; 21, L.P.; 22, rues; 24, ii; 27, yy.

The officers and men of "B" Squadron thoroughly enjoyed the "soldiers' night" held at the St. John's Church Hall on Thursday, November 3rd, and showed their hearty appreciation of the efforts of the Stanley Barracks artists.

That the recent outburst by 1st Troop, "B" Squadron, has not passed unchallenged may be gathered by a perusal of the following:

Contragraphs

It was a great surprise to many members of "B" Squadron to read in the columns of "The Goat" the various claims advanced by the advertising manager of 1st Troop, relative to their assumed status in connection with the "circus" and on the field of sport.

As we all know, a circus horse must be a docile animal to allow members of the genus home to crawl over and perform various acrobatic evolutions on them; so the 1st Troop may claim the ownership of the "circus performers," they being a very docil etroop.

The budding literary genius of the troop in question must have

been in a rather egotistical frame of mind when he made the assertion that every member of his troop received prizes at Niagara, as the squadron was well represented when the prizes were distributed, and not any one troop.

If prizes were issued for the most successful troop at avoiding "John D." when he asks the squadron to participate in that very fascinating form of recreation indulged in at Stanley Barracks during the winter months, that ancient and honourable game of "barrack golf," known in the higher military circles as fatigues, the 1st Troop would certainly obtain the highest aggregate.

The graceful exponent of the Charleston would be well advised to remove himself to the movie colony and offer his services, as publicity agent, to some screen celebrity, as he undoubtedly possesses the necessary qualifications.

Would he please take a little advice from an ancient prophet and philosopher — "It is much easier to do things than to keep on doing them."

Someone Else Would Like to Know

If all are aware that the "Charleston" is not allowed in select dance halls? As we do not frequent low resorts, it is unnecessary for us to learn it.

Have our clowns ever heard the quotation—"And the loud laugh, where spake the vacant mind?"

The name of the N.C.O. who shows such activity whenever the troop sergeant comes into the stable with his book and pencil, and the reason.

Why does Tpr. Alderson carry a cane on all mounted parades? Can it be rheumatism?

Who is the member of 1st Troop who was caught picking his horse's feet out with "the jaw-bone" of an ass?

We have been asked—"Who is the biggest 'scrounger' in Stanley Barracks?" "Wood" you know if we told you?

Facts Not Generally Known

The other day an amusing incident occurred on the cavalry square. The squadron was formed up on parade, when a little dog, belonging to Sgt. Major Wardell made its appearance on the scene. It went up near one of the horses and barked; immediately the whole of 1st Troop sprang smartly to attention. Force of habit, we presume.



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Correspondence.

Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.
December 3rd, 1925

Editor, "The Goat,"

Dear Sir:—Allow me to wish you and your energetic staff "A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Might I add that I have been discharged from "B" Squadron for one year and a half, and during that time I have visited Toronto and Niagara-on-the-Lake and that was during the Exhibition this year. I am now looking forward to a hurried trip through Toronto on my way to Montreal for this New Year's.

Words fail me in expressing how much I appreciate the copy of "The Goat" monthly, for although in New York, we have, as a soldier would express it, soldiers on the right of us on Ellis Island and soldiers to the left of us on Governor's Island, but as a true British soldier my heart is with those who soldier, and make a profession of it, and I feel sure that those who have soldiered with the R.C.D.'s feel as I do regarding "The Goat," that it sort of couples the links of memories with those who have had the honour of serving in such a famous regiment which every one of us feels proud of, also the splendid staff of officers and the present C. O., Col. Walker Bell, D.S.O.

Respectfully yours,

AL. J. MARTIN,
(Late of "B" Sqn., No. 372).

59, High Street,
Marlow, England

Editor, "The Goat."

Dear Sir:—I served with "A" Squadron, R.C.D., from April, 1911 to April, 1914, and I always feel that I should like to know if any of my old comrades are still with the unit.

Also I should be pleased to know how the Squadron fared during the war, if it is possible for same to be sent to me. I have only met one man of the R.C.D. in England, S.S.M. Bull. He has drifted off again now, and I believe he is in London.

It might please any officers know me that I joined up the first day of the war and served all through with the Guards Brigade and Division, when formed.

Yours faithfully,

L. UMNEY.
(Late Cpl. S.S., R.C.D.).
November 25th, 1925.

OUR ARTIST "LOOKS INTO THE FUTURE"



As it is rumoured that the officers of the R.C.R. are shortly going to appear in garments resembling "plus fours," the above picture may be an every-day sight in the near future.

11 King Harold Street,
Lerwick, Shetland.

Editor, "The Goat."

Dear Sir:—Many thanks to yourself and staff for sending copy of "The Goat" along regularly. The June copy went adrift somehow, I should like to get this replaced if possible, as I intend to have them bound at some future date.

While staying in Glasgow this summer I had the pleasure of meeting ex-Sgt. J. McCutcheon, who is now living at 6 Germiston

St., Glasgow. Jimmie is doing very well in civil life. He is in charge of the horses in the railway stables, thirty-two of them, very fine animals and in good condition. Mac. wishes to be remembered to all old friends in the regiment.

I am still busy in connection with physical training in the schools here, and have lots of badminton and rifle shooting as a side line. Those members of "C" Squadron who remember me as a "snake charmer" at Westhof farm will be pleased to hear that I have

learned to play the bagpipes in my spare time, and possibly they will be pleased that I was so far away while learning them.

With best wishes to all past and present friends in the regiment, I am, Sir,

Yours truly,
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Sports

Boxing.

Championship Tournament, Military District No. 4.

A new era in boxing was opened on Friday and Saturday evenings, November 13th and 14th, in the Victoria Rifles of Canada Armoury, Cathcart street, Montreal, when the first Military District bouts took place.

Too much credit cannot be given to Captain Lindsay Smeaton, the popular adjutant of the V.R.C., and a boxer himself, for inaugurating the movement which resulted in the tournament taking place, and to Colonel Porteous and the officers of the V.R.C. General Armstrong, G.O.C. M.D.4, in the course of his remarks when presenting the cups to the winners, said that "the idea of holding a tournament of this nature has long been in my mind, but it remained for the officers of the V.R.C. to organize it with the result you have seen. I hope that this will be the beginning of an annual competition and I suggest that each unit take its turn in holding the tournament in its armouries."

The possibilities of enlarging military boxing along the line of the Army and Navy boxing championships in England are great, and if the lead given by Military District No. 4 is followed by other Districts there is no reason why, in a year or two, there should not be a Canadian military boxing championship held at some place, where the district champions would meet to decide the Canadian military and naval championships.

As was only natural in inaugurating a new idea, there were features to the tournament recently

held that might be gone into more carefully before the next one takes place. In order to encourage the "manly art" among the militia, every effort should be made to eliminate the entry of skilled performers into military classes, unless those who compete have had a certain period of training with the unit and are bona-fide soldiers. If highly trained and experienced boxers are enlisted at the last moment for the purpose of winning laurels for the unit, the less experienced competitors will find no incentive to enter and the competition will devolve into a provincial championship under another name. There could be no better way of increasing the sporting side of a unit than by enlisting men who are proficient in boxing, and their training as boxers will make them very desirable soldiers. A man who can use his fists is respected, and his training as a boxer teaches him to keep his temper under trying circumstances, therefore he makes a very likely N.C.O.

The Cavalry Barracks sent in four entries to the tournament. Tpr. Ellis was in the 118 lb. class, Tpr. Dupuis and Pte. Washington were in the 126 lb. class, and Pte. Cameron was in the 145 lb. class. Though none of our entries survived the first fight, they made a very good showing, taking into consideration the fact that, with the exception of Tpr. Ellis, none of them had had any experience. In a military station such as St. Johns men have very little chance to go through the rigorous training required to fit them for a hard bout, and furthermore are handicapped by the lack of sparring partners sufficiently experienced and skilled to give them a good work-out. The city-trained men have the advantage of good instructors and plenty of competition, and therefore are in a posi-

tion to absorb the science of boxing and ring generalship so necessary for such a competition. We have the material but not the means to develop it, and if the occasion again arises, we should either bring out a capable instructor and a couple of good men to St. Johns or send our men to Montreal, where they could obtain the experience and training facilities accorded to the militia.

Major Bowie, D.S.O., was a patron, and Major Nordheimer, M.C., and Captain Home, M.C., acted in the capacity of judges during the tournament.

126 lb. Class—Tpr. Dupuis, R.C.D., vs. Pte. Senior, R.H.C.

This bout was fought on Friday evening and was keenly contested throughout. Tpr. Dupuis surprised his most ardent admirers by his performance and was the aggressor throughout. At the end of the three rounds opinion was divided as to which had earned the decision, though the judges awarded the fight to Senior. Dupuis displayed a nice straight left, but has a bad habit of leaving his guard open, a fact which lost him many points. The contestants received well-merited applause on leaving the ring.

126 lb. Class—Pte. Washington, R.C.R., vs. Cpl. Volkert, C.G.G.

Washington was unfortunate in being drawn against such an experienced fighter as Volkert and suffered from stage fright. Volkert forced the fight right from the start and put his man away in the first round, Washington hardly striking a blow.

118 lb. Class—Tpr. Ellis, R.C.D., vs. Pte. Finnegan, R.H.C.

Ellis, on whom our hopes were pinned, put up a splendid fight

and out-boxed his opponent during the three rounds. Finnegan seemed content to fight a waiting battle, letting Ellis do the leading and countering with a right cross. The first round went to Ellis, the second to Finnegan, and the third was so even that an extra round was ordered, one judge giving Ellis the decision, one Finnegan, and one a draw. In the extra round condition told, and Finnegan, who assumed the aggressive for the first time, scored repeatedly on his fast-tiring opponent. Finnegan was awarded the decision, and showed his class by subsequently winning the championship. Ellis has had the experience in both his tournaments of being beaten by the man who won the class, Leitham, who beat him in the Provincial, subsequently winning the Canadian championship.

145 lb. Class—Pte. Cameron, R.C.R., vs. Rflm. Light, V.R.C.

This bout took place on Saturday night, Cameron having drawn a bye in the first round. Light was too good for his inexperienced opponent and won by a knock-out in the first few minutes. Cameron showed gameness and took a lot of punishment before a right to the jaw put him away, and fought every minute he was on his feet. With more instruction and training he should make an ideal boxer, as he possesses plenty of stamina and a good punch in each hand.

In conclusion we wish to extend our hearty thanks to Billy Armstrong, late boxing instructor at the M.A.A.A., and to Micky McGowan for coming down to St. Johns to help out and for seconding our men in the ring. To Sgt. Langley, who undertook the duties of trainer, much credit must be given, as he worked unceasingly to fit the men for the fights and succeeded remarkably well in the short time at his disposal.

ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS FOOTBALL TEAM NIAGARA CAMP, 1913



Back row (left to right)—S.S.M. James, Pte. Capt. Young, Lt. Timmis, S/Sgt Galway, Sgt.

Front row—Sgt. Hopkinson, Cpl. Tamlyn, Sgt. and Pte. T. Johnson.

HOCKEY

At the recent meeting of the members of the Garrison stationed at St. Johns, Que., the following committee was elected to represent the various troops and company:

President, Capt. W. J. Home, M.C., R.C.R.; Members, Cpl. W. F. Parker, R.C.R., Tpr. Hpewell, R.C.D., Cpl. McKerrall, R.C.D., Cpl. F. A. Green, R.C.D.

The committee has drawn up an inter-troop and company schedule for the coming season. It is hoped to get the game going as soon as ice is available. There will be four teams in the Garrison League. One from each of the three troops of "A" Squadron and one from "D" Company, R.C.R. None of the players on the Garrison team will be eligible for this league, but the spares of the afore-mentioned team may be used. This latter rule seems a bit hard on some of the troops, but it should be remembered that the idea of all army sport is to get as many men as possible to participate in the branches of sport, and not

The following committee has been selected to arrange the season's basketball programme:

President, Major H. N. Salmon, M.C., R.C.R.; Members, S/Sgt. R. Sarrasin, R.C.R., Tpr. D. Hendry, R.C.D., Tpr. G. Dupuis, R.C.D., L/Cpl. W. Godsmark, R.C.D.

The committee has drawn up a schedule of games to be played during December. As this is the slack time of the year in regard to sport—too early for hockey and too late for other outdoor games—the opportunity to get a little sport will be welcomed by all. It is hoped to get out a number of men who do not participate in the other branches of sport. The December programme is quite a full one, there being sixteen games to be played during that month.

COMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

During the coming month the following events of interest will take place:

December 18th—Dance in gymnasium.

December 18th—Basketball; No. 1, R.C.R., vs. 2nd Troop.

19th—Basketball; No. 2, R.C.R., vs. 3rd Troop; No. 1, R.C.R., vs. 1st Troop.

21st—Basketball; No. 2, R.C.R., vs. 2nd Troop; Children's Christmas Tree in Officers' Mess.

22nd—Basketball; No. 3, R.C.R., vs. 3rd Troop.

23rd—Basketball; No. 2, R.C.R., vs. 1st Troop; No. 3, R.C.R., vs. 2nd Troop; Hockey, Champlain vs. Garrison.

24th—Christmas Leave. First party leaves.

four covers were laid, the guests of honour being Colonel H. Boyce, of New Brunswick, and Lieut.-Col. H. S. Stewart, 13th S.L.D. (C.R.)

The 'Sergeants' Mess of the 17th D.Y.R.C.H. held a dance in their new quarters on December 6th, which was very well attended. The dance was to have taken place the previous week, but was postponed owing to the death of the Queen Mother, Alexandra.

One of the visitors at the dance was R.S.M. Budd, who, it will be remembered, lost his arm last summer. He has regained the use of the other arm, and says that when he can wear his artificial arm steadily he will be able to play a mean banjo.

Squadron Sergeant Major A. McClelland, 17th D.Y.R.C.H., who used to belong to "A" Squadron, R.C.D., has deserted the cavalry, and accepted a commission in the Three Rivers Regiment, where Mr.

music being very good and the tempo perfect. The orchestra is made up as follows: Mrs. Swarbrick, piano; Tpr. White saxophone and clarionette; Tpr. Harrington, saxophone; Pte. Bark, saxophone, and S/Sgt. Ellis, traps.

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Recollections of Twenty Years Ago.

(By S.S.M.I. Aisthorpe, D.C.M.,
M.M.)

Reading Orders recently published, I saw that my old troop officer, Captain D. A. Grant, M. C., was posted to the 1st Royals for a period of two years.

This took my mind back to India more years than I care to remember, when the 1st Royals were stationed at Lucknow. I was with the "Guns" at the time, the 28th Field Battery to be precise, and was stationed at Barrackpore, which is quite close to Calcutta.

During my stay there, I was picked out to undergo a course of rough-riding, and anyone who has taken the "Short Foreign Course" in India knows what that means; plenty of hard knocks and falls. Those "walers" are a different type to the "broncho." When these were combined with the old style riding master, riding was far from being smooth. I arrived at Lucknow in October, '05, and reported to "O" Battery, R.H.A., for six months' training. The course consisted of about twelve N.C.O.'s from the 8th Lucknow and Calcutta Brigade. I was the youngest and smallest of those taking the course and, believe me, I felt it. Of my two horses, one, once mounted, was the devil of a job to stop; the other was the very dickens to get moving at all. So between the two I had a pretty thin time at the start. Capt. Rock

was our riding master. He stood over six feet and was straight as a lance—a typical soldier. Everyone in India, of those days, knew him.

The artillery lines in Lucknow ran from the Mall to a point close to the race track, while the "Royals" lines extended from the race track to Dilhusha. The Royals were commanded by Lt.-Col. J. P. De Lisle. All the troops had a nick-name for him; our fellows called him "Johnny," but I believe "Jerry" was the Royals' pet name for him. As far back as when Col. De Lisle was a "sub." in the Durhams, "horse" was his middle name, and I don't think I am wrong in saying that as a cavalry leader there is none better at the present day.

During the course, Capt. Rock would march us down to the polo grounds in front of Mahamon Bagh Club to watch the Royals' polo team. Riding a polo pony was the chief subject of that day. Anyone who had the honour of seeing Col. De Lisle play polo in those days is not surprised to see him occupying the position he does today. Every day he would be out training his ponies and horses. In the Royals of that day, riding was the beginning and end of all things for everyone, from the C.O. down to the last-joined recruit.

Horsemanship was very strongly encouraged in those days. The Royals used to compete annually for a silver sword, which was awarded to the best all-round cavalryman. Points were awarded in various events, such as horsemanship, road survey, a long track

race, general sports, a cross-country race with compass, and night work, which included reconnaissance, outposts, etc. The man who won this trophy certainly deserved it.

The Royals had a fine bunch of N.C.O.'s. I learned a great deal from Rough-Riding S.S.M. Jeffreys, who afterwards became riding master of the regiment. S.S. M. Jeffreys was one of the best athletes in Lucknow at that time. It was he who put the only goal into the H.L.I.'s goal, which lost the latter team the Simla Cup. This game was refereed by Rev. Irving, (the fighting parson), who preached a sermon on "Sportsmanship" the following Sunday. I had the honour of drinking out of the cup the night after the game. S.S.M. Jeffreys was carried all round the place after it. Two more N.C.O.'s I remember were Sgt. Bean and Sgt. Such, who were both rough-riders. Sgt. Such was also a splendid boxer and a member of the Royals' circus. The circus was well worth seeing. The old R.S.M. Ginger — (I can't remember his name). drove a full troop of horses in the ring, riding one and driving the rest, and Sgt. Such used to give an exhibition on a big black mare. It was not necessary to fetch cowboys in to add tone to the thing in those days. Old Jock Munro was never happy unless he was crawling around a horse's neck at the gallop. The Royals lost a remount once that had not been ridden. This brute was of a nasty disposition. This animal got loose in some way and escaped into the

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jungle behind the grass jam. As the Royals had never lost a horse, Munro obtained permission to try to locate this one. Three days later Munro returned, riding the "bad actor" and leading his own horse. He afterwards asked to have the horse turned over to him. He got it, and made quite a decent beast out of it.

These are just a few things which come to my mind, glancing down the years, but they serve to show the sort of unit our "sister" regiment was twenty years ago.

militia force, a military force which will include naval and aerial forces to defend the country.

Now, those are the main points which I think we can concentrate upon at the present time. None of them are expensive and I think they are all important. The reason which influenced me very strongly to concentrate upon the physical training is a knowledge of the fact that under the Military Service Act 372,000 Canadians were examined for military service and 181,000 of those were medically unfit—over half. 180,000 were in category A. I think it is our duty as good citizens of Canada to concentrate on the improvement of the physical condition of the youth of Canada. Those figures are sufficient justification for concentrating upon physical training for some time to come.

Just a word regarding training for the future. In an address of this kind one cannot go into detail, but I do know that I should not in a few words try to give you an idea of what our ideal is. My ideal is to train our militia of Canada so that if Canadian troops are called upon to go to war again that they will be able to fight a modern battle. War is more complicated now, battle is more complicated than ever it was before.

Every discovery in chemistry, every invention in the mechanical world has its corresponding influence upon war. We have to study closely cause and effect and if we are going to keep up our professions. Now, if you visualize a modern battle with me for a moment it will give you an idea of the training that has to be carried on in Canada, and you will see how complicated it is. You see above high up in the air the aeroplanes engaged upon long distance reconnaissance. Lower down you see low-flying squadrons of aeroplanes also engaged in local reconnaissance, but fighting in co-operation with the other branches of the service machine, gunning the enemy, and so on. Then we have our long-range artillery blocking the avenues of approach to the enemies' positions. Then we have the lighter artillery for our moving barrages. Then behind our moving barrages we have our tanks. We may in a few years have all our machine gunners in tanks. General Plummer said recently that he wanted nothing between the machine gun in the hands of the infantryman and the machine gunner in the tank. There is a great future for the tank corps which we hope to start in Canada before very long if we

can get the money. So that behind the moving barrages we have our tanks. If war came now we have not got them, and we would have to get them, but our machine gunners will be in tanks and some out. Then behind our tanks we have our infantry going forward with the machine gunners. Behind the infantry we have mobile batteries moving up in close support. Then we have the engineers assisting in the crossing of all forms of obstacles. We have tanks and artillery both laying smoke and gas screens. Then we have all the other auxiliary service at work bringing up supplies of ammunition, stores and food. Then we have reserves of infantry, our reserves of tanks, and we have our reserves of cavalry coming forward to continue the battle. Then we have our infantry brought along so that they will arrive fresh on the battlefield. So on they go, and that is what we have got to train for. It is a most complicated thing, and we need the assistance of every experienced soldier in Canada. We want your service for a few years, you who have had the most valuable experience, so that we can pass your experience on to the rising generation. We must have it if the Canadian soldier is going

into the next battle prepared to fight in the modern fashion or modern method with modern weapons.

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The Prevention of War

(Address delivered before the Canadian Military Institute at Toronto on Friday evening, January 14th, 1921, by Major-General J. H. MacBrien, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Chief of Staff, Ottawa.)

PART II.

Then I come to some of the concrete measures that I think we can undertake in Canada at the present time. Some of them you may say are ideatistic, but I feel very strongly that some of them we can get the authorities that be to put into effect, and as members of this Institute, which had such a magnificent record in the war, sending 500 members to the front, I ask your assistance to help me put any of these suggestions that you approve of into operation in our country. I am giving you my personal views. I am a member of the Militia Council but am speaking to you rather as an old member of this military institute than in any official capacity. Nothing that I say has been accepted in any form by the Government. The first is that I advocate national registration of the children of the schools. The second is national, medical and dental examination of children that go to school. The third is national physical training in the schools, and that this physical training should be of a curative to help remedy any defects found upon the medical examination. Now, we are making rather great strides in this connection of physical training, I won't say particularly in the West, but it has come to my attention recently that they are making great progress in the West in this direction. They are asking us at Ottawa to supply a great number of physical instructors in physical training. They are asking for improved syllabus of training under the Stratheona Trust, and I am doing all I can to meet their wishes and demands. A few days ago I met representatives of the Alberta Government, the Deputy Minister of Education, the Supervisor of Schools, and the Chief Inspector, and they asked me if the Department of Militia and Defence would run a physical training course for all the school inspectors in the Province of Alberta. I readily agreed to it, and the course is to start by the first of March. They want courses run comprising up-to-date physical training in the true sense of the word. They want it to include first aid, hygiene, physi-

way we possibly can. We have passed resolutions placing our equipment at their disposal whenever it is possible to do so. The next is the formation of military institutes such as this. In Alberta we have two new military institutes doing magnificent work. I call these military institutes really prevention of war societies. I feel that any officer who has really experienced war in the cruel form which it now takes, or who reads and studies it even, will become very ready to assist in its prevention. A military institute is a magnificent organization for the dissemination of military knowledge and therefore it may justly be called a prevention of war society. The Government of Saskatchewan has decided to establish in its University a prevention of war chair, sometimes called a military chair. It is to be called a prevention of war chair. It is on the principle that I have just enunciated, that those who become familiar with war will do their best to prevent it. We are encouraging that from Ottawa, the formation and establishment of military institutes.

We are also making an effort to re-establish or revive the Canadian Defence League. Colonel Hamilton Merritt did a very great service in Canada as chairman of the old Canadian Defence League.

Then we have a militia force, if it were up to strength, of about 120,000. We have to think out the question of an expeditionary force also, but we have to accept at the present time, whether it is the best or not, our present system. We are forced by questions of finance to continue our old militia system of defence. Our defence lies in the hands of citizens or of soldiers who are also citizens or who are citizens first in times of peace. The defence of Canada lies in their hands and we of the permanent force are here to assist them. Now, these points which I have enunciated are rather lengthy, but there is just one other, which is the education of officers, both permanent and active militia officers. We know in a citizen army that most depends upon the officers and we must have a highly trained staff, and intend to have the staffs organized in Canada, so that we shall not have to improvise in case we go to war. I intend that any force that we do have in Canada, as far as my advice goes, is to be absolutely territorial, and that it will be based upon the territorial idea of organization. The education of officers is important because we have to work out adequate and sound defence schemes, and out of a certain amount of money we have to be able to produce a certain-sized

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"B" Squadron Notes.

Ex-Pte. Edward "Smoke" London, who served with "B" Squadron from 1910 to 1913, is manager of a farm near Kingston, Ont. His address is c/o Mr. Fair, Kingston.

Ex. Pte. A. Church, who was with "B" Squadron about the same time, served through the war with a signalling unit, and is now doing very well farming in the vicinity of Calgary.

T. Eaton and Co. very kindly supplemented the furnishings of the rooms occupied by the foreign officers during their stay at Stanley Barracks, in connection with the Horse Show at the Royal Winter Fair. The kindness of the T. Eaton Co was much appreciated.

On the completion of his inspection of H.Q. and "B" Squadron, R.C.D., on the 17th, General J. H. MacBrien expressed himself as much pleased with their appearance, and stated that the state of

the quarters and the general cleanliness of the barracks and stables reflected great credit on all ranks.

As a mark of respect, a short service was held in Barracks on the 27th of November, the day of Queen Alexandra's funeral, at 11.30 a.m. The order of service was as follows: Hymn, Prayers, Benediction, Last Post.

The officers of the French and Belgian teams expressed their appreciation of the hospitality they received while in Toronto, and before leaving to compete in the New York Horse Show, as a memento of their visit, presented the Officers' Mess, Stanley Barracks, with a large framed photograph of the two teams. In addition to this, the mess is the recipient of a very handsome Sheffield Plate tray, presented by Lt. Bizard, inscribed, "En souvenir r'une hospitalité charmants, Lt. Bizard, Pantin, France. Colonel and Mrs. Walker Bell were presented by the teams with a beautiful silver cigarette box, inscribed "Souvenir des equipages Français et-Bélge,

Toronto, 1925." Major Vanderberg, R.C.R., and Major Stethem and Captain Bate, R.C.D., were also the recipients of suitably inscribed gifts of a useful nature.

On December 3rd, St. John's Garrison Church was host at a "Barracks Night." The entertainment was held in the parish rooms on Portland street, which were tastefully decorated for the occasion. General Otter was to have presided, but as this was the date of his 82nd birthday, other arrangements precluded his being present, and in his absence the chair was taken by the Rev. J. Russell MacLean, Garrison chaplain.

The evening commenced with a concert, the first number being a selection by the excellent orchestra which assisted throughout the evening. Songs rendered by Mrs. McLean and Mrs. Smith were much appreciated, as was also some very pretty costume dancing by one of the other ladies of the church. Stanley Barracks artists also furnished much to the entertainment.

S.M. Copeland scored with "The Boys of Finnegan's Band," notwithstanding his being handicapped by lack of the proper "spiritual impetus." Songs by Tpr. P. L. Lewis and Cpl. Page, R.C.D., evoked much laughter. The singing, both singly and together, of L/Cpl. Barker, R.C.R., and Pte. Dutton, R.C.D., was a delight to all, as were also their "bags." Pte. R. Robinson, R.C.R., did wonders on the mouth-organ, and a recitation by Pte. (Dr. Hyde) Ratcliffe completed an excellent program.

After the concert a bountiful supper, provided by the ladies of the congregation, was served. Supper was followed by a dance, in which all joined and which was much enjoyed, notwithstanding that, as Master of Ceremonies, Q. M.S. Travers banned the "Charleston."

There was a large attendance of all ranks, among the officers present were noted Col. Bell, Majors Timmis and Major Stethem. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all, and we all appreciate the great kindness of the ladies of St.

Michie, Sgt. Sayger, first; (B 23), Jim, Tpr. Walters, second; (B 1), Sgt. Costello, third; (B 35), Cubie, Tpr. Berry, fourth.

N.C.O.'s and Police Mounts, (B 52), Sgt. Sayger, fourth.

N.C.O.'s Jumping, (B 20), Nigger, Cpl. Blake, first; (B 16), Jerry, Sgt. Rowe, second; Moonshine, S.S.M. Lyne, R.C.A.V.C., third.

Major R. S Timis is to be congratulated on his showing in the thoroughbred breeding classes, in which his entries won three firsts, a second and a third, in addition to the reserve championship in the Junior Male and Female classes.

NATIONAL HORSE SHOW, NEW YORK, and CHICAGO RIDING CLUB HORSE SHOW

We regret that to date we are unable to publish an official account of the above-mentioned Horse Shows, at which officers of the regiment have been competing, as they have not as yet returned from Chicago, but the following notes and results have been gleaned from "The Rider and

the Canadian Cavalry team, fourth. This class was won by Mr. John S. Cavalry team second, and Otto McE. Bowman's team, with the U. W. Lehmann's team third.

Class 176. — Pairs of Officers' Jumpers, won by "Black Prince" and "Witchcraft," ridden by Captains Bate and Hammond, R. C.D. The U.S. Military Academy was second, U.S. Cavalry School third, and U.S. Cavalry fourth. We were especially pleased with this win, as "Witchcraft" is the personal property of Captain Hammond, and her schooling and development has been watched with interest for the past two years at St. Johns.

Class 177—Officers' Jumping, Captain S. C. Bate, R.C.D., on "Black Prince," third.

Officers of the French and Belgian teams also figured prominently amongst the winners in many of the open classes.

The judges in the Military and Police Classes were Colonel H. C. Whitehead, Washington, D.C.; Colonel E.C.C.G. Carlton, Washington, D.C.; and Lt.-Col. Walker Bell, D.S.O., Royal Canadian Dragoons, Toronto; whilst Allen Case

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Esq., of Toronto (late R.C.D.) was one of the judges in the Hunter and Jumping Classes.

The officers selected to represent Canada at the Chicago Riding Club Show were Captains Berteau, Bate and Hammond. To date we have not received any official results of their achievements, but we were delighted to receive a telegram informing us that Captain Berteau, R.C.D., riding the old-timer "Polly," of "A" Squadron, made a perfect performance in the open jumping class, consisting of sixty-seven entries, and was placed fourth in the jump-off against three French horses and one Belgian.

TO "G.C.H."

There lives one poet, who prepares
in time
'Gainst future feuds, his poor re-
venge of rhyme;
Racks his dull memory, and his
duller muse,
To publish acts which friendship
should excuse.
If friendship's nothing, self-regard
might teach
More polish'd usage of his parts
of speech.
May Havard's fate o'ertake him,
who for once

Produced a poem too dashing for
a dunce.

At first none deem'd it this; but
when his name

Announced the fact—When then?
It lost its fame.

Two objects always should the
poet move,

Each one or both—to please or to
improve.

Fiction does best when taught to
look like truth,

And fairy fables bubble none but
youth.

Expect no credit for too wondrous
tales,

Since "Jonas" only springs alive
from whales.

Though printers condescend the
press to soil

With rhymes, "by George," that
took three months of toil.

There, he still struggling piteously
to please,

Forgetting doggerel leads not to
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A would-be satirist, a tired buf-
foon,

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